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TITLE OF INVENTION: INFORMATION PROCESSING DEVICE, METHOD, AND PROGRAM FOR DISTRIBUTING CONTENT BY QUERYING
FOR A SELECTED DEVICE ID FROM TWO IDENTIFIED DEVICE IDS

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/Oanh Duong/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2155

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Derek P. Benke (Registration No. 10/779,789) on September 12, 2008.

The title of the invention is changed to: **"Information processing device, method, and program for distributing content by querying for a selected device ID from at least two identified device IDs."**

The claims of the invention are amended as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information processing device, comprising:
first managing means for managing first IDs, each first ID identifying another device other than said information processing device itself;
second managing means for managing second IDs for identifying contents;
supplying means for supplying at least one of said second IDs managed by said first managing means to said other device making a request for distribution of said contents;

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user ID managing means for managing a user ID corresponding to at least one of said first IDs;

receiving means for receiving at least one of said first IDs and said at least one of said second IDs from said other device;

identifying means for identifying said at least one of said first IDs corresponding to said user ID received by said receiving means;

generating means for generating a schedule for distributing said contents identified by said at least one of said second IDs to said other device corresponding to said received at least one of said first IDs by said receiving means;

transmitting means for transmitting said schedule generated by said generating means to said other device; and

distributing means for distributing said contents to said other device according to a request according to said schedule transmitted by said transmitting means,

wherein said user ID managing means for managing manages [[a]] said user ID corresponding to at least two of said first IDs,

wherein said identifying means for identifying identifies said at least two first IDs corresponding to said user ID received by said receiving means, making a query to a communication device by transmitting said at least two first IDs and receiving said at least one of said first IDs chosen from said at least two first IDs,

wherein said generating means for generating generates [[a]] said schedule for distributing said contents identified by said at least one of said [[a]] second IDs to said

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other device corresponding to [[a]] said at least chosen one of said at least two first IDs received by said identifying means, and

wherein said distributing means for distributing distributes said contents to said other device corresponding to said at least chosen one of said at least two first IDs received by said identifying means according to said schedule generated by said generating means.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): An information processing device, comprising:

first managing means for managing first IDs, each first ID identifying another device other than said information processing device itself;

second managing means for managing second IDs for identifying contents;

user ID managing means for managing a user ID corresponding to at least one of said first IDs;

supplying means for supplying at least one of said second IDs managed by said second managing means to a communication device making a request for distribution of said contents;

receiving means for receiving said user ID and said at least one of said second IDs from said communication device;

identifying means for identifying said at least one of said first IDs corresponding to said user ID received by said receiving means;

generating means for generating a schedule for distributing said contents identified by said at least one of said second IDs to said other device corresponding to

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said identified at least one of said first IDs in the event that said at least one of said first IDs has been identified by said identifying means; and

distributing means for distributing said contents to said other device according to said schedule generated by generating means,

wherein said user ID managing means for managing manages [[a]] said user ID corresponding to at least two of said first IDs,

wherein said identifying means for identifying identifies said at least two first IDs corresponding to said user ID received by said receiving means, making a query to said communication device by transmitting said at least two first IDs and receiving said at least one of said first IDs chosen from said at least two first IDs,

wherein said generating means for generating generates said schedule for distributing said contents identified by [[a]] said at least one ~~second ID~~ of said second IDs to said other device corresponding to [[a]] said at least chosen one of said at least two first IDs received by said identifying means, and

wherein said distributing means for distributing distributes said contents to said other device corresponding to said at least chosen one of said at least two first IDs received by said identifying means according to said schedule generated by said generating means.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): An information processing system having an information processing device, another device and a communication device, comprising:
the information processing device including:

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first managing means for managing first IDs, each first ID identifying another device other than said information processing device itself;

second managing means for managing second IDs for identifying contents;

user ID managing means for managing a user ID[[s]] corresponding to at least one of said first IDs;

supplying means for supplying at least one of said second IDs managed by said second managing means to [[a]] said communication device making a request for distribution of said contents;

receiving means for receiving said user ID and said at least one of said second IDs from said communication device;

identifying means for identifying at least one of said first IDs corresponding to said user ID received by said receiving means;

generating means for generating a schedule for distributing said contents identified by said at least one of said second IDs to said other device corresponding to said identified at least one of said first IDs in the event that said at least one of said first IDs has been identified by said identifying means;

transmitting means for transmitting [[a]] said schedule for starting to write said contents identified by said at least one of said second IDs to said other device corresponding to said identified first ID, and

the another device comprising:

a storage means for storing received said contents according to said schedule generated by a generating means,

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wherein said user ID managing means for managing manages [[a]] said user ID corresponding to at least two of said first IDs,

wherein said identifying means for identifying identifies said at least two first IDs corresponding to said user ID received by said receiving means, making a query to said communication device by transmitting said at least two first IDs and receiving said at least one of said first IDs chosen from said at least two first IDs,

wherein said generating means for generating generates said schedule for distributing said contents identified by [[a]] said at least one ~~second~~ ID of said second IDs to said other device corresponding to [[a]] said at least chosen one of said at least two first IDs received by said identifying means, and

wherein said distributing means for distributing distributes said contents to said other device corresponding to said at least chosen one of said at least two first IDs received by said identifying means according to said schedule generated by said generating means.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): An information processing device, comprising:

a first managing unit configured to manage first IDs, each first ID identifying another device other than said information processing device itself;

a second managing unit configured to manage second IDs for identifying contents;

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a supplying unit configured to supply at least one of said second IDs managed by said first managing unit to said other device making a request for distribution of said contents;

a user ID managing unit configured to manage a user ID corresponding to at least one of said first IDs;

a receiving unit configured to receive said at least one of said first IDs and said at least one of said second IDs from said other device;

an identifying unit configured to identify said at least one of said first IDs corresponding to said user ID received by said receiving unit;

a generating unit configured to generate a schedule for distributing said contents identified by said at least one of said second IDs to said other device corresponding to said received at least one of said first IDs by said receiving unit;

a transmitting unit configured to transmit said schedule generated by said generating unit to said other device; and

a distributing unit configured to distribute said contents to said other device according to a request according to said schedule transmitted by said transmitting unit,

wherein said user ID managing unit manages [[a]] said user ID corresponding to at least two of said first IDs,

wherein said identifying unit identifies said at least two first IDs corresponding to said user ID received by said receiving unit, making a query to a communication device by transmitting said at least two first IDs and receiving said at least one of said first IDs chosen from said at least two first IDs,

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wherein said generating unit generates said schedule for distributing said contents identified by ~~[[a]] said at least one second ID~~ of said second IDs to said other device corresponding to ~~[[a]] said at least chosen one of said at least two~~ first IDs received by said identifying unit, and

wherein said distributing unit distributes said contents to said other device corresponding to said at least chosen one of said at least two first IDs received by said identifying unit according to said schedule generated by said generating unit.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): An information processing method implemented at least in part at an information processing device, comprising:

managing, first IDs, each first ID identifying an other device other than said information processing device itself;

managing second IDs for identifying contents;

managing a user ID corresponding to at least one of said first IDs;

supplying at least one of said second IDs to said other device making a request for distribution of said contents;

receiving said user ID, at least one of said first IDs and said at least one of said second IDs from said other device;

generating a schedule for distributing said contents identified by said at least one of said second IDs to said other device corresponding to said received at least one of said first IDs;

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transmitting said schedule generated by said generating means to said other device; and

distributing said contents to said other device according to a request according to said schedule transmitted;

identifying ~~said~~ at least two of said first IDs corresponding to said user ID received, making a query to said other device by transmitting said at least two first IDs and receiving said at least one of said first IDs chosen from said at least two first IDs; and

distributing said contents to said other device corresponding to said at least chosen one of said at least two first IDs received by said identifying according to said schedule generated by said generating.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A computer readable storage medium encoded with instructions which when executed by a computer cause a processor to execute a method comprising:

managing, first IDs, each first ID identifying an other device other than said information processing device itself;

managing second IDs for identifying contents;

managing a user ID corresponding to at least one of said first IDs;

supplying at least one of said second IDs to said other device making a request for distribution of said contents;

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receiving said user ID, at least one of said first IDs and said at least one of said second IDs from said other device;

generating a schedule for distributing said contents identified by said at least one of said second IDs to said other device corresponding to said received at least one of said first IDs;

transmitting said schedule generated by said generating means to said other device; and

distributing said contents to said other device according to a request according to said schedule transmitted;

identifying ~~said~~ at least two of said first IDs corresponding to said user ID received, making a query to a communication device by transmitting said at least two first IDs and receiving said at least one of said first IDs chosen from said at least two first IDs;

generating said schedule for distributing said contents identified by ~~[[a]]~~ said at least one second ID of said second IDs to said other device corresponding to ~~[[a]]~~ said at least chosen one of said at least two first IDs received by said identifying; and

distributing said contents to said other device corresponding to said at least chosen one of said at least two first IDs received by said identifying according to said schedule generated by said generating.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

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With respect to claims 1, 2, 5, 10, 13, and 14, the prior art of record, individually or in combination, fails to teach the features of claimed limitations thereof. Specially, inter alia, it fails to teach a method, a device, and a computer readable storage medium encoded with instructions for distributing content to a terminal device corresponding to one of at least two device IDS according to a generated schedule, wherein the at least two device IDs corresponding to a user ID is identified, a query to the terminal device is made by transmitting the at least two device IDs to a user, and the one of the at least two device IDs is selected by the user and received by a service provider.

With respect to claim 11, the prior art of record, individually or in combination, fails to teach the features of claimed limitations. Specially, inter alia, it fails to teach an processing device for distributing content to a terminal device corresponding to other device ID of at least two device IDS according to a generated schedule, wherein the at least two device IDs are identified, one device ID of said two device IDs is identified as a billing user ID for identifying the user which is to be billed for said content, and the other device ID of said two IDs is identified as a destination ID for identifying the destination device for receiving said content.

Claims 4, 6, and 12 further limit the allowed claims, therefore they are also allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to OANH DUONG whose telephone number is (571)272-3983. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday, 9:30PM - 6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached on (571) 272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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